(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with US Government; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if the matter was not taken up with US Government, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is aware that ISKCON temples in US are the subject of a legal dispute. The matter is still subjudice in US law courts. Government of India cannot intervene in the legal proceeding of another sovereign country.

Criteria for approval of TV serials

2364. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some criteria exist for approval of T.V. serials;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether large number of T.V. Serials are lying pending with the Ministry for lack of approval under the existing criteria;

(d) if so, what are the names of these serials with their date of submission;

(e) whether Government proposes to take some steps to accord approval to pending T.V. serials; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. T.V. Serials are selected after taking into consideration the merit of the script, the credentials of the director and other members of the production team and the programme needs of Doordarshan. While assessing the merit of the script, the Selection Committee also keeps in view the need to :

(i) promote the basic socio-cultural values like human unity and harmony; equal respect for all religions; rejection of violence, communal rivalries and tensions; liberation from superstitions and prejudices;

(ii) project the rich cultural diversity of the country; and

(iii) inculcate in the growing generations the right kind of value, outlook and standards.

(c) Acceptance of new proposals for telecast of sponsored T.V. Serials for the national network was suspended with effect from May 7, 1986. All proposals received by that date have since been processed and finalised.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Youth missing from Kashmir Valley

2365. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of youngmen of Kashmir Valley who are missing from their homes for the last three months;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to locate them ?